

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, September 20, 1857.

Sir,

The Superintendent of the branch mint, New Orleans, informs me that the vaults attached to the office of the Treasurer of the same, are filled to their utmost capacity with silver coin, and that unless a portion of the same is transferred to some other place, the erection of another vault will become necessary, to furnish a place to put away the coins which are being struck at that institution, and for which there is at New Orleans but a very limited demand. It thus appears that it will be necessary either to direct the suspension of the coinage of silver bullion at that institution for the present, or to provide an additional vault for the reception of the silver coins being struck. The suspension of coinage will probably be the best remedy; but before writing to the Superintendent I would be pleased to know whether it is the intention of the Department or will be convenient to the public service, to cause any considerable amount of silver coin to be transferred from

New Orleans to other places; because in that event
neither of the remedies suggested need be applied.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Anderson

Director of the Mint

Hon. James Guthrie

Secy of the Treasury

Washington City